GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1246
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
PERFORMANCE OF WORKSHOPS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that performance audit of army base workshops disclosed significant underperformance and missing of the targets of overhaul by 40 to 68 percent during 1999-2004;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that inefficient performance of these workshops left the army with accumulation of large number of repairable tanks, combat vehicles and guns affecting army battle readiness; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the performance of army base workshops?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1246 FOR ANSWER ON 2.3.2006

An audit was carried out by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) on the performance of the Army Base Workshops for the period 1999-2004. The C&AG had stated that there was an under-performance of the Army Base Workshops. The observations of audit have not been agreed to and so stated in the reply to the draft audit para.

The performance of Army Base Workshops has not been inefficient. The capacity utilization of six Army Base Workshops out of eight has been more than 100% and the remaining two have achieved utilization of 96% and 82% respectively. The battle worthiness of the equipments held has always been more than 90%. Army Base Workshops constantly upgrade their skills to deliver the output as per the planned targets.